(d) whether the New Education Policy would suffer to a great extent and the targets set out are not likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir, the article under the caption "Education Muddle" which appeared in "India Today" dated June 30, 1988 has been seen.

(b) Allocation of Rs. 20,000 crores for Education in the Seventh Plan was never made. Therfeore, slashing the Seventh Plan outlay from Rs. 20,000 crores to Rs. 6,000 crores does not arise.

(c) In 1987-88, under the scheme of Operation Black Board more than 35,000 posts of additional teachers were sanctioned. Over one lakh schools were covered under the Operation Black Board Scheme. An amount of Rs. 110 crores was spent on this scheme during the year.

(d) In view of the facts given at (b) above, the implementation of New Education Policy will not suffer and all efforts are being made to achieve the targets.

Job rackets in Northern Railway

1814. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major job racket has been unearthed recently in the Northern Railway involving Railway employees; and

(b) if so, what are the details of modus operandi, the number of cases which have come to light so far and the measures taken by Railway authorities to prevent such rackets in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, some fraudulent cases of getting employment by forging casual labour service cards, appointment letters, transfer letters, service commission forms and fictitious interpolation of names have come to notice.

Four cases on Lucknow Division, one on Allahabad Division and two cases on Bikaner Division are being investigated by the CBI. In two of these cases, after investigations have been completed criminal proceedings have been taken up in court by the CBI. In addition, one case on Ferozepur Division has been investigated by the Railway and departmental action has been started aganist the delinquent staff.

The remedial measures to be adopted would depend upon the lacunae/lapses brought out finally in investigations under way.

Doubling of rail tracks

1815. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the name of the rail tracks which were taken up for doubling during 1987-88;

(b) what is the progress made so far; and

(c) by when the same are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Doubling of the following sections of rail lines were approved as new works in 1987-88 Budget. Progress achieved so far is shown against each:—

Sl. No.	Section	%age Progress
	Central Railway	
1	Polapathar-Barbetpur	6
2	Jaitwar-Manikpur	19
3	Matatila-Basai	17
4	Kurwai Kethora-Bina River	5
	Eastern Railway	
1	Garhwa Road-Sonnagar (Phase-II) Sigsigi and Bagha Bishnupur.	3

Sl. No.	Section	%age Progress
	Northern Railway	
1	Morabad-Rampur (Phase-I)	17
2	Lucknow-Kanpur	9
	North Eastern Railway	
i	Pitaunjia-Samastipur-Ujiarpur	22
ii	Bachhwara-Baruni	
	North-East Frontier Railway	
i	Kumedpur-New Jalpaiguri	
ii	Barsoi-Dalkolha	30
iii	Dhulabri-Aluabari	
	Southern Railway	
1	Madras Beach-Madras Egmore (3rd line)	20
	South Central Railway	
1	Vikarabad-Tandur	1
	South Eastern Railway	
i	Raipur-Vizianagram	2
ii	Ambodala-Bissamcuttack	
iii	Therubali-Gumda	
	Western Railway	
1	Mahi-Bridge No. 624	5

(c) These doublings are likely to be completed in about 3 years time.

Deduction in the berthing charges for fishing vessels at Paradip Port

1816. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the berthing charges for fishing vessels at Paradip Port;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any representations have been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRNSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. However considering the increase in cost of operation in recent years it has not been possible to accede to the request for reducing the berthing charges.

Project report by M/s. Hyundai Corporation of South Korea

1817. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Hyundai Corporation at South Korea have been entrusted with the preparation of a Detailed Project Report regarding improving iron-ore handling facilities at Paradip Port;

(b) if so, whether the Report has been received and approved by Government;

(c) if so, by when the scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT:) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The agreement between M/s. Hyundai Corporation and the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India regarding the cost of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) was signed on 9-4-88 and the work of preparation of DPR has only commenced thereafter.